

Honan red persimmon is about the size of the average tomato, and were it not for the large stiff calyx would be almost indistinguishable from it. Commonly no seeds occur, but some have as many as four or five. The taste is sweet almost to a fault, with no suggestion of pucker unless the core is eaten. The juice leaves a permanent stain in linen." (Fedde.)

Fagopyrum vulgare Hill. (Polygonaceae.) 44208. **Buckwheat** seeds from Malanyü, Chihli province, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, November 25, 1916. "*Ch'iao mai*, meaning 'Triangular wheat'. Chinese buckwheat grown as late crop on poor lands and on mountain slopes. From the flour a very thin and brittle vermicelli is manufactured, from which a meal can be prepared within a few minutes." (Meyer.)

Ficus sp. (Moraceae.) 44116. Seeds from El Coyolar, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Carlos Wercklé. "This is very different from the rest of the genus in its being of superb form. It is a very large and very dense tree, of exceptionally beautiful color, and is evergreen. Nearly all the other species are bare for a longer or shorter time during the dry Season. Very much liked by birds, and always full of little parrots. Fruit and leaves very small. One of the most beautiful tropical trees. Plant in fibrous fern peat, or, in turf, with a little old mortar (ground) and a little charcoal dust; or, in common vegetable peat, with ground mortar (sand and lime) and charcoal dust." (Wercklé.)

Juglans mandschurica Maxim. (Juglandaceae.) 44233. Seeds of **Manchurian walnut** from Shinglungshan, Chihli province, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, December 3, 1916. "*Shan ho t'ao*, meaning 'Mountain or wild walnut,' occurring in Manchuria and Northern China, growing into a stately tree. The nuts are small and contain but little meat, but they are eagerly eaten by the people. The young foliage is very sensitive to frosts, and the tree can be grown successfully only in such localities where late frosts are of rare occurrence. Of value as a hardy shade tree; possibly also as a stock for Persian walnuts, in cold localities." (Meyer.)

Juglans regia L. (Juglandaceae.) 44199-44200. **Walnut** seeds from Peking, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, November 10, 1916. "Walnuts of large size,